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**New North Dakota Blue Book  
Features Progressive North Dakota in 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

Bismarck, ND – In a ceremony held in the Memorial Hall of the state capitol, Secretary of State Al Jaeger released the 27th edition of the North Dakota Blue Book on Monday. He presented the ceremonial first copy to Governor Hoeven.

This edition of the 2007/2009 Blue Book profiles the progressive ways North Dakota is developing its traditional resources in the 21st Century. The feature chapter illustrates what the state is doing in agriculture, energy, health care, education, transportation, arts and humanities, technology, commerce, and tourism.

The 600 page book also honors the state's business innovators and entrepreneurs who established many of the state's core businesses and industries.

During the ceremony, Jaeger and Hoeven recognized over 70 dedicated and committed volunteers who write and contribute information for the book.

The core of the 7th biennial publication since 1995 remains the same. It contains information about the state not readily found in other publications such as statistical data, and information about the state's symbols and awards, elected officials, agencies, judiciary, legislative, federal-state relationships, education, and elections.

New to this edition is a listing of all bureaus, research centers and institutes affiliated with North Dakota's colleges and universities, all major state government construction projects, and a historical chronology listing of agency heads appointed by the Governor.

For the first time, the Blue Book includes a DVD to allow electronic access to the material in the book. The book sells for \$20 through the Museum Store at the North Dakota Heritage Center, (701) 328-2666 or [www.nd.gov/hist](http://www.nd.gov/hist).

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